

## **SPECIAL MEEETING--April 30, 2008, 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Ken Wishnick, JaneAnn Williams, David Lewis, Toni Hokanson

At 6:10 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hokanson. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Williams to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Supervisor Hokanson, all aye votes cast, motion carried

**Agenda Items:** Supervisor Hokanson explained that the Audit recommendation be taken out; and add the Graves request. Councilman Wishnick moved to amend the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson suggested that the agenda be in the following order:

Farmland Protection:

Graves Request

Hudson Valley Materials Exchange

Lease on Building for the Police

Highway Employees work on Rail Trail

Councilman Wishnick made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

**Farmland Protection Board:** Supervisor Hokanson read aloud a draft letter being sent to Ags and Markets.

Councilwoman Williams is not convinced the letter is necessary, she thinks the Board should not get involved.

Councilman Wishnick: feels that the Board has an obligation to pass along our concerns of the community to Ags and Market.

Councilman Lewis is in agreement with Councilman Wishnick

Mr. Ellis, town resident, thought the Board should support the Zoning Board.

Supervisor Hokanson said they were two separate things. Discussed with Ags & Markets –Told Dave Porter he overstated – it is not the Board's place to influence Ags and Markets.

Councilman Lewis questioned if there was a safety hazard

Councilman Wishnick made a motion to send a letter. Councilwoman Williams seconded, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Graves/Morris Request:** Supervisor Hokanson indicated insurance denied; no return from Highway.

Councilwoman Williams: took pictures, wait to hear from insurance. Insurance people should deal with them.

Councilman Wishnick: Although there is not ironclad proof that the snow plow caused the electrical surge, there is considerable circumstantial evidence and believes we owe compensation.: Graves should be compensated from town insurance if this is possible within a reasonable period of time or directly from the town if it is not. Supervisor Hokanson agreed to re –open the insurance claim.

Councilman Lewis: agrees with compensation –not given full share on the other hand – don't want to set a precedent.

Councilman Wishnick made a motion for the Town Board to approve compensation of \$1000, which is the deductible from Graves/Morris homeowners insurance. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Fred Van Nostrand, Town resident, felt they should not pay

Josh Honig, Town resident: issue – the deductible is the option of the owner.

Councilman Wishnick stated that the Town is fortunate that the owner covered most of the expense on their own insurance and did not ask for the entire cost.

**HVME:** Review site with the Building Inspector and B.I is in agreement. A lack of bathroom facilities is the issue with the Builders Inspector.

Jill Gruber: go to County legislature, needs to be an expenditure by the legislature.

Councilman Wishnick stated the town should have a site visit and approval from NYDEC since the closed landfill is an environmental sensitive sight.

Jill: told the Board the DEC told her it was okay.

Councilman Wishnick felt the town needed more than a verbal okay.

WHO authorize lease, have DEC to grant approval

A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to sign the lease. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast.

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**LEASE ASR Building:** Kip Ruger, local businessman, offered another building for consideration: Kevin Harp's office building on Route 208 South, town side. The police Chief looked at the facility and approved it. Renovations cost could be less; bathrooms – ramp or lift, the building in good condition.

The cost: \$5,000 per month/ 3 years plus utilities and taxes; \$18,000 less than ASR; ASR goes up 3% per year.

Josh Honig, member of the Committee: could be a good permanent place; need to have an assessment done before any decision is made. Fire system: sprinkler system would be costly.

Questioned if it's brick solid. There is a possibility the building would be ready within 2-3 months.

Josh was impressed.

Councilman Wishnick asked about a lease purchase possibility; putting rent money into eventual building purchase.

Supervisor Hokanson: purchase would be 3 years.

Josh suggested to find out cost as temporary; this building is better.

A motion was made by Councilman Wishnick to rescind ASR. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Liggan  
Deputy Clerk